

GEN. DAPRAY CALLS FOR ENLISTMENTS IN NEW D. C. GUARD

With the publication today of a general order from Adj. Gen. J. A. Dapray of the District of Columbia, a new policy is established, offering the most attractive kind of local service to men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.

It is proposed to organize a regiment of three battalions. Two will be made up of men between eighteen and forty-five who may enlist with the understanding that they are to do local duty within the District of Columbia. A third battalion will be composed of men between the ages of eighteen and thirty-one, who will enlist for service at home, or abroad.

Following is the general order:

Text of Order.

1.—The attention of all persons concerned in or connected with the District of Columbia national guard, is directed to the fact that, on account of the demand which was made upon the District military by draft into the Federal service of almost its entire commissioned and enlisted personnel, the time has come when, with the approval of the War Department authority, new national guard units should be organized to take the place of those which, on the date of draft into the Federal service, were automatically under the law discharged from the District military force.

2.—To accomplish the desired results efforts have been, and are still being, made at these headquarters to attract into the District of Columbia national guard as many eligible men as possible. Thus far, however, on account of misinformation or lack of information of duties and advantages involved, comparatively few men have been made, and it is believed that much will depend upon the co-ordinated efforts and co-operative help of every person interested in or connected with the District of Columbia national guard. Therefore the announcement is hereby made that there will always be at these headquarters an officer whose duty it will be to give full information and instruction in regard to any point involved. In enlistment in the District of Columbia national guard, in the day time the office will be open from 9 to 4:30 p. m., and in the night time from 8 to 10 p. m., Sunday excepted.

Eligibles Described.

3.—Generally speaking, all morally fit, mentally sane and physically sound men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five are eligible for enlistment. The governing law is the National Defense act approved June 3, 1916. Of course, there can be no deviation from any requirement duly prescribed by law, and one of the requirements is that the man who enlists shall take the oath of enlistment for three years with the colors and three years with the reserves, unless sooner discharged by competent authority. Furthermore, the oath of enlistment involves the obligation of obedience to orders, which embraces the duty of doing military service wherever one, duly enlisted, may be ordered to go. Under these obligations a soldier enlisted without qualification in the national guard would be required to go to any part of the United States or to any region beyond the seas to which he might be duly ordered for military duty.

4.—But the announced policy of the War Department is not to call or draft into the Federal service at this time, or in the near future, any additional national guard units which are already formed, or which may hereafter be formed. As a matter of fact new national guard units will probably not be drafted in the Federal service, but will be left for duty in the various sections of the country in which they are organized. For that reason it is expected that new national guard units in the District of Columbia will not be called for duty outside of the District of Columbia except in some national emergency not now expected to occur.

Interests Vastly at Stake.

5.—Therefore, the acting commanding general of the District of Columbia militia has felt authorized, justified, and obligated to make every effort and to resort to every possible means to form new national guard organizations primarily for local defense purposes. Stationed at the National Capital, where Federal interests are so vitally at stake, and where the duty of assisting in the guaranteed security is a part of its natural duty, the District of Columbia national guard will be organized from this time on, until further notice, with the understanding that it is to be formed and maintained as a local defense force. For that reason, while governing laws which pre-

Bullets Are All Right, But This Marine Balked At Facing Rolling Pins

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—It is of record today that a United States marine has turned down a chance to fight.

A man with a haunted look came into the Marine Corps recruiting station. He wanted to enlist but—

Wide had his registration card and wouldn't give it up. Would a marine go get it for him?

"We'll face bullets," was the answer, "but the regulations do not require us to take chances with rolling pins."

scribes the standard of enlistment, cannot be ignored or set aside, in every instance where waivers are recommended or may be deemed advantageous for the public interest.

Waivers will be granted and men who enlist under such waivers will have the right subsequently to apply for discharge should any condition arise changing the status of the organization to which they belong.

6.—Under other military orders, the plan of organization of new national guard units will be as follows: One regiment of infantry to be known as the Fourth District of Columbia Infantry, will be organized, consisting of three battalions. One battalion of this regiment will be composed, largely, if not entirely, of men between eighteen and twenty-one years of age. This battalion will be used as a medium of instruction for men between eighteen and twenty-one, who are likely to be registered for draft, and men between twenty-one and thirty-one, who are already liable to draft. The other two battalions of this regiment will be composed of men between thirty-one and forty-five, who, of course, are not liable to be drafted.

Battalion of Colored Men.

7.—In addition to the new regiment above provided for, there will be organized a Second Separate Battalion to be composed of colored men. In this battalion two companies will be formed of men between eighteen and thirty-one and two companies of men between the ages of thirty-one and forty-five.

8.—It will be the duty of every officer and noncommissioned officer in the District of Columbia national guard to study well the conditions and terms attending the organization of the new military units above provided for in order that information in the matter may be spread in every direction where it is likely to be good. Not only will these matters be explained to prospective candidates for enlistment but to citizens in general who should have at heart the efficiency and welfare of a properly constituted military force.

9.—To the end that desired results may be achieved as speedily as possible, all persons interested in the success of this movement are appealed to to join actively in the cause for recruits for the new national guard units herein provided for. In a time of war, when so many men will be called to the fighting lines, it is inconceivable how men who will stay at home can rest content without doing their share toward maintaining that local defense and protection which should be the guarantee of every constructed municipality. It is not believed that men of the eligible age for enlistment in the national guard of the District of Columbia will shrink, slack, or hesitate in the performance of what would seem to be the unavoidable duty of every patriotic man who has not been called away from Washington to join the fighting army. A man who cannot join the national war army, but who can and should join a local defense and protection organization of the national guard in the place where he resides, would find it difficult to explain his attitude of "nothing doing by me in this war." It will be along this line of thought that national guardsmen should talk and act in their efforts to help organize the new national guard units herein provided for as a part of the proper defense of the National Capital.

J. A. DAPRAY,
The Adjutant General,
Acting Commanding General, D. C. militia.

**GERMANS USE BALLOONS
TO SPREAD PROPAGANDA**

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS,
United Press Special Correspondent.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 16.—Germany is using the air now to spread her propaganda.

On these fine days when the wind favors the stunt, the Germans are looking floods of small balloons from their lines. Each one carries a load of pamphlets glorifying German arms. The notoriously German-manipulated Gazette des Ardennes is included, printing facsimile and colorful narrative of "glorious German victories in Italy."

The fine weather today brought about a great increase in aerial fighting. At times there were flocks of machines on both sides swooping and spying and fighting.

**OFFICERS PAY PRIVATES
FOR DOING EXTRA WORK**

Most private soldiers like to make extra money working for their officers. Replying to the charge of Congressman Miller of Washington, who has just returned from the American front in France, that the army is undemocratic and that privates are made to polish the boots of their officers, an officer at the War Department said:

"There is nothing compulsory about privates working for their officers. Many of the officers pay soldiers \$5 a month to run errands for them and do other small tasks. And most of the privates like to earn the extra money."

NAVY YARD SPY NABBED.
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Joseph Mott, an Austrian reservist, has been arrested here. He was discovered by agents of the Brooklyn navy yard from the Williamsburg bridge.

WHY CONGRESSMAN FAIRCHILD WILL NOT VOTE FOR THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

Congressman Fairchild, of New York, replying to constituents favoring the prohibition amendment has given the following reasons for not supporting the measure:

I wish that I could bring myself to agree with you and the earnest people who are favoring the proposed prohibition amendment to the Constitution, but the question of securing prohibition through a Constitutional amendment involves a very fundamental question other than the liquor question.

I am opposed to any amendment of the Constitution which seeks to take from the States the local self government which is the fundamental theory of our union of States. It is an irrevocable, indivisible union, but it is a system where there is a Federal government for national and international affairs and State governments for local affairs. This system of a union of self governing States in one national government (e pluribus unum) is the only promise of an eventual world union of self governing States where wars will cease and peace and good will may dwell upon the earth.

The present war attracts renewed attention to the great fundamental fact of our system of a union of States. Our Constitution guarantees a republican form of government to each State in the Union. I would not wish to see our Constitution amended in any manner that might give hesitation to any State on earth to enter this great Union after the adoption of a republican form of government. This may be a vision of the future, but it is one well worth preserving. This is not the extreme State rights over which contentions have occurred as some have thoughtlessly suggested. It is the right of States to local self government carefully and specifically protected in our wonderful Constitution, and never before challenged by any one.

BENJAMIN L. FAIRCHILD.

GIRLS WILL SHOOT AT EACH OTHER IN CHEVY CHASE PLAY

If you are anywhere in the neighborhood of the Chevy Chase School at noon time during the next few days, don't get excited. The Boches are not coming. The shots you may hear breaking the calm of the suburbs are just a little target practice the girls of the Chevy Chase School are engaged in.

C. W. O'Connor, a teacher of dramatic art, explained today that this exhibition is just a rehearsal for a play which is to be given by three girls at the Chevy Chase School Tuesday next, at 8:15 o'clock. The play, entitled "Between Women," will feature the girls firing three guns on a darkened stage simultaneously.

The play, consisting of one act, was written by Mr. O'Connor, who has had considerable success with it out West. "The girls were not a bit shy. You know, they are from the West."

The girls participating are Alice Huff, Parry Hoge, and Nina Rogers. Two other plays under direction of Mr. O'Connor will be presented at the entertainment Tuesday evening.

WOULD FIX SILVER PRICE AT DOLLAR PER OUNCE

Silver producers asked the Government to fix a price of \$1 per fine ounce, it was learned today.

Denying rumors that establishment of the bi-metallic standard, or free and unlimited silver coinage is behind the Government's plans to control the silver output, Director of the Mint Ray Baker said:

"The negotiations afford no opening for a revival of economic issues. The Government desires only to place American silver production and manufacture on a more satisfactory and scientific basis and to render foreign exchange more stable."

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